



**West Cliff
Primary School
Newsletter
24.01.13**



Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assembly will be on Friday morning at 9.05. Please come and see your child receive their certificate if you possibly can.

Puffin Class -	Rosie Breckon
Starfish Class -	Alex Marr
Turtle Class -	Fiona Price
Penguin Class -	Faith Blood
Seahorse Class -	Hayden Bateman
Dolphin Class -	Keira Stewart
Seal Class-	Miray Gill

Monday Magic

Monday Magic menu chosen by Seahorse class will be chicken fajitas or cheese & onion Catherine wheel with ice cream sundae to follow.

Farmhouse Breakfast Week

It is Farmhouse Breakfast Week and Year 6 have been learning about the importance of eating breakfast every day in order to learn effectively and stay healthy. They have suggested solutions to common excuses for skipping breakfast and have explored a range of breakfast recipes. Although children can buy a snack at break time, this isn't until 10.15, meaning that children who skip breakfast are learning for 1.5 hours without any fuel! Please talk to your child about their breakfast choices in order to ensure they come to school ready to learn each morning.

Suitable Snow Clothes! - Reminder!!!

Please send children in footwear and coats that are suitable for the snow. I really would recommend wellington boots and a change of footwear for indoors. This could be slippers or school shoes. Children also need suitable winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Snow Closure!

We had a rather disrupted beginning to the week, but hopefully the worst of the weather is now behind us! Making the decision as to whether to keep school open is not easy, and begins at 6AM when teachers that travel let me know of the weather conditions where they are. As the weather changes very quickly it is often impossible to make a decision very early because we do not know whether the staff will arrive in school even after they have set off. On Monday we had staff stuck in blizzards on the moor road which is why we were unable to make a decision until 8.30. On days that are snowy it is wisest to send your children to school for 8.45 rather than 8.30 just in case. On Monday there was a delay in Yorkshire Coast getting the message out, but the Whitby Gazette Facebook and Twitter feeds and their website had the information on immediately. If you do phone school and the phone is not answered it is because staff are busy, and a decision has not been

made. Please do not presume that school is closed because there is no answer!

Absence in the Snow

If children live in villages and are genuinely unable to get to school in snowy conditions when school is open then their absence will be authorised. If however a child lives in Whitby and could walk to school then absence due to snow will be unauthorised. Not being able to get a car off of the drive is not a genuine reason for absence, nor is having younger siblings who do not want to go out into the snow!!

Clubs

All clubs are on as normal this week!

Contact Details

Mrs Grady is going to send out your child's emergency contact information for you to check that it is correct. We have discovered that many phone numbers were incorrect when we tried ringing about early closing. Please check that the details Mrs Grady holds for you are correct as it is vital that we are able to get hold of parents quickly - particularly in the case of a medical emergency.

Basketball Win!

Well done to our basketball team who came first in the inter schools tournament last week. They were congratulated for not only their skill, but also their fantastic sportsmanship. We are now through to the next round in Malton.

Inspirational People

We are continuing our dream books and success maps and looking at people who inspire us. If you know any inspirational people then please let us know. Please also continue to talk to your child about whether they are 'looking like a learner' everyday.

Ocean Fun Club ~ 28th January ~ 1st February

Monday ~ Sock Puppets

Tuesday ~ Scrap Books

Wednesday ~ Friendship Bracelets

Thursday ~ Cup Cakes ~ limited places so book early to avoid disappointed.

Friday ~ Come and watch 'Brave' in our own cinema. Watch a film with your friends and share some popcorn.

Also every night we have Wii challenges, games and a creative table.

Christina Zanelli
Headteacher